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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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Learning and Gathering Opportunities for This Week

September 14 @ 7:00 pm EDT / 6:00 pm CDT

Re-Opening of Churches – Conversation for all Church Leaders

As things keep changing regarding COVID-19 and reopening churches, we want to continue the conversation, developing safe and best practices. There is also the question about what churches might maintain into the future. We invite all Moderators, Church Leaders, and Clergy to be part of the conversation. Register online here.

For Clergy

- **An Hour of Conversations and Prayer**
  Tuesday, September 15 - 11:00 a.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m. Central)
  Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/479440102

Reminder: Southeast Conference Annual Meeting Registration Deadline is September 19! Register through the SEC website.

REGISTER ONLINE

From the Wider UCC Church

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm EST

Your Backstage Pass: How We Do Digital Events and Measure Impact

Join the Center for Analytics, Research & Development, and Data and the Tech Team of our webinars to learn HOW we are pulling them off! We've compiled the best practices documents, we're navigating Zoom and other digital platforms and all of their updates, and we're STILL learning as we go. We'll reveal HOW we make the magic happen behind the scenes and invite your questions along the way. Featuring: The Innovativeness of the Rev. Phiwa Langeni. The Off-Camera Wisdom of Taylor Russell. The Social Media and Tech Savviness of Laurel Steinetz. The Brilliance of Backstage Manager Jennifer White. Hosted by the Merry-Making Rev. Dr. Chris Davies. REGISTER

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 1:00 pm EDT

Palestine Today and the Kairos "Cry for Hope"

In a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the globe and as the struggle against historic and systemic injustice and oppression is revived, the circumstances of Palestinians living under occupation continue to worsen. The threat of Israeli annexation of large parts of the West Bank is an example of the decades of policies that have denied Palestinians their basic human and civil rights. Join us for a special webinar conversation with two Palestinian Christian leaders, Rifat Kassis and the Rev. Munther Isaac, as they discuss the current reality, the situation of Palestinian Christians, and the recently-issued "Cry for Hope," a letter to the world calling for attention and action to challenge injustice and to seek change to which UCC and Disciples leaders have responded. This webinar is scheduled to take place during the World Council of Churches' World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel. REGISTER

September 17, 24, and October 1 from 1:45pm to 3:30pm EDT

Thursdays, Partners In Building – Building Church Differently

Building Church Differently - 2020 Web Seminar Series. 3 - 90 minute webinars for $25.00 total cost. REGISTER

Thursday, September 17 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm EDT

The Sermons That Keep Preaching

It's said that the sermons preachers preach fall into a few key themes, year after year. Join a panel of local pastors thinking through the sermons that keep coming back, year after year, and why those messages continue to be critically important. In times of crisis and calm, we lean on our faith to guide us through. What are the messages that have resonated through the scripture and through the ages? REGISTER

Saturday, September 19 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT

Children and Youth Speak: Your Vote Matters

With the climate crisis and the struggle against inequality, the younger generations have served as today's prophets in provoking a global reckoning of the dire situation faced. As the November 3rd elections approach, children and youth are raising their voices again with a moral urgency as they awaken us to how much is at stake. This webinar will present children and youth from ages 10 to 18 who have a message and perspective that needs to be heard before those older than them vote. Our guest panelists will include:

- Aaron Collins Anderson, Immanuel Spring United Church of Christ in Spring, Texas
- Elijah Chhin-Lawrence, Immanuel Spring United Church of Christ in Spring, Texas
- Caleb DeBerry, Vote16USA
- Isaiah Mason, Spring Glen Church in Hamden, Connecticut
- Evie McBride, Church of Christ at Dartmouth College
- Rishi Ranabothu, NC Interfaith Power and Light's Youth Leaders Initiative
- Kate Roney, National Children's Campaign

This webinar is co-hosted by the Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt of the United Church of Christ Environmental Justice Ministry and the Rev. Michael Malcom of Alabama Interfaith Power & Light and the People's Justice Council. SIGN-UP now to join the webinar! Even if you can't make its scheduled time, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording of it.

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